



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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Event Name	22-0003 Winter Weather 19JAN
Date	January 21, 2022
Time	9:00 AM
Operational Period	January 20, 2022 to January 21, 2022
Report Number	1

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
DDCs Active	17, 20 & 21

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Governor Greg Abbott ordered the Texas Division of Emergency Management to increase the readiness of the State Operations Center (SOC) ahead of winter weather that is expected to impact large portions of Texas that began Thursday morning and is expected into the weekend. Representatives from state agencies that are members of the Emergency Management Council reported to the SOC on Thursday, January 20 at 8:00 AM CT to assist in the state's winter weather response.

Light snow was expected in the Panhandle and portions of West Texas into Thursday morning. Wintry mix was anticipated in portions of Central and South Texas beginning Thursday into Friday. In addition, parts of Southeast Texas could see light wintry mix with minor travel impacts. Extremely cold wind chill temperatures will be experienced nearly statewide on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday mornings. Caution is urged on roads that may become difficult to drive. Texans are urged to visit www.drivetexas.org throughout the weekend to be aware of the latest road conditions across the state.

"The State of Texas is prepared to address severe winter weather in the coming days and will provide all necessary resources needed to respond," said Governor Abbott. "As we continue to monitor weather conditions, Texans are encouraged to heed the guidance of local officials and stay mindful of changing weather conditions to keep themselves and their loved ones safe."

The following agencies have reported to the SOC:

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Electric Reliability Council of Texas

Railroad Commission of Texas

Texas Department of Public Safety

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department

Texas Department of Transportation

Texas Military Department

Texas A&M Forest Service

Department of State Health Services

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Health and Human Services Commission

Already, agency representatives participated in a situational awareness weather briefing Wednesday morning led by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and discussed preparation measures already underway.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 16 – Houston (Includes: Chambers and Harris Counties)

Harris County: The Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HCOHSEM) is moving to Level 3 – Increased Readiness at 9:00 PM on Thursday, January 20th in response to the potential threat from a strong cold front overnight through Friday morning. Cold temperatures, windy conditions and winter precipitation is expected.

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties)

DDEOC 20 activated to Level III Increased Readiness (Virtual).

Brooks County: The Brooks County EOC is activated at Level II.

Jim Wells County: Jim Wells County EOC is activated at Level III. The County Offices and Courthouse will be closed Friday, January 21.

City of Alice: The City of Alice will be closed on Friday, January 21 to all non-essential services.

Nueces County: Nueces County and the City of Robstown are opening a warming center at Richard M Borchard Fairgrounds in the Central Pavilion Arena opening at 3:00 PM on Thursday, January 20 and closing at 3:00 PM on Friday, January 21.

City of Corpus Christi: The city will open the City Emergency Operations Center Thursday, January 20 at 8:00 PM to monitor the weather situation

The city is working with multiple local homeless agencies to ensure shelter, meals, and blankets are provided for those in need.

- The Salvation Army will increase capacity by opening the sanctuary at the Center for Hope Church at 1902 Buford Street for additional persons who are homeless Thursday, January 20, and Friday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. for overnight services.
- Persons needing shelter may also check the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission at 210 S. Alameda Street.
- The Mother Teresa Shelter at 513 Sam Rankin Street will be open Thursday and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for meals and shelter.
- Metro Ministries at 1919 Leopard Street is distributing cold-weather gear and will serve lunch and dinner as part of their normal weekday operations. They will open the cafeteria at 9:00 AM as a warming center during the day.
- City staff conducted outreach Wednesday and Thursday, handing out blankets, socks, hats, and information on where the homeless can find shelter.
- The Gulf Coast Humane Society is donating its services by hosting the pets of homeless persons as needed.

The City of Corpus Christi will offer daytime warming centers within the city limits that are free and open to anyone. The locations of the warming centers are below:

Broadmoor Senior Center	1651 Tarlton Street
Ethel Eyerly Senior Center	654 Graham Road
Northwest Senior Center	9725 Up River Road
La Retama Library	805 Comanche Street
Ben F. McDonald Library	4044 Greenwood Drive

Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) will be offering free rides to and from local warming center during available hours.

Port of Corpus Christi: The Port of Corpus Christi EOC is activated at Level III.

San Patricio County: San Patricio County is activated at Level III. Precincts are prepping county roads. County Offices and the Courthouse will delay opening until 1:00 PM on Friday, January 21.

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties)

DDEOC-21 Weslaco is currently monitoring and maintaining situational awareness with local jurisdictions and the National Weather Service Brownsville on the Winter Weather forecast impacting the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Disaster District 21 Emergency Operations is at Level III Increased Readiness Conditions.

Cameron County: The City of San Benito opened a warming center beginning at 6:00 PM Thursday, January 20th, at the Community Center, located at 210 E. Heywood St.

Hidalgo County: The City of Brownsville will open a temporary warming center at the Brownsville Downtown Recreation Center, located at 1338 E. 8th Street.

The City of Edinburg activated the Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library as a warming center. It is currently open to residents needing a warm place to stay for the night. The warming center will be open until noon Friday.

The City of Mission is opening a warming center at the Mission Parks & Recreation building located at 721 N. Bryan Road. The center will be open at 5:00 PM Thursday through Friday morning at 10:00 AM.

The City of Mercedes opened a warming shelter Thursday January 22nd at 6:00 PM that is scheduled to close on Friday at 1:00 PM. The shelter is at Mercedes Safe Room Community Recreation Center located at 1202 N Vermont.

The City of Pharr announced the opening of a warming shelter at the Development Research Center located on 850 W. Dicker Road. The shelter opened Thursday, January 20 at 5:00 PM and is scheduled to close on Friday, January 21 at 8:00 AM.

Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 17 – Victoria (Includes: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson and Victoria Counties) **DDEOC 17 increased to Level III monitoring at 8:00 AM, Thursday, January 20.**

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): The State of Texas State Operations Center remains at Readiness Level II Escalated Response Conditions, with Daily Operations staff processing disaster declarations, letters (STARs), as well as severe weather messages, and preparing Snapshots and the state SITREPs. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the State Operations Center, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council. TDEM District Coordinators are working closely with their local emergency management partners and various members of the public health community to assist with unmet needs and resources.

Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC): HHSC began staffing the SOC in support of winter weather response operations on January 20. HHSC will remain in the SOC for the duration of the incident. HHSC emergency response partners are monitoring the situation. Currently, impacts to the HHSC facilities and regulated entities are minimal. Freight, water and ice contractors have been notified and are on standby. Regulatory Services has initiated call trees to long term care facilities. No impacts have been identified or reported. 2-1-1 TIRN has sent the list of warming centers to their Area Information Centers and will validate for inclusion on their database.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC): The PUC has had no reports of significant electric outages throughout the day Thursday. ERCOT expects to have sufficient supply to meet electricity demands with 16k MW of generation reserve capacity over the evening peak Thursday, and 15k MW reserve capacity over the morning peak on Friday.

Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC): The RRC has two SOC Liaisons assigned to support SOC operations and has plans in place to support 24-Hour operations

throughout the event. The RRC has not received any reports from operators on weather-related natural gas production issues for this event.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ has staff on standby to respond to any drinking water and wastewater issues that may occur and respond to any emergency response incidents as needed.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT): Currently there are 53 state roadways that are impacted by winter weather with no road closures. All 25 TxDOT Districts are monitoring conditions and have crews working, or on standby ready to respond. Impacted districts have crews staffed for 24-hour operations. TxDOT crews began pretreating roads on Tuesday and continued through Thursday. Areas that received rain will retreat the roads. TxDOT Districts that anticipate impacts have activated their EOC for 24-hour operations. TxDOT filled a STAR from DDC 20 Corpus Christi for 120 cubic yards. of Ice Rock for San Patricio County Road and Bridge. TxDOT is utilizing their permanent digital message signs (DMS) to display advisories for road conditions to the traveling public in the impacted areas. DriveTexas.org is being updated as roadway conditions change. TxDOT is currently staffing the SOC.

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
HHSC	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC Austin
PUC	PUC SOC Liaison	2		Assigned	R-SOC Austin
PUC	ERCOT SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC Austin
RRC	SOC Liaison	2		Assigned	R-SOC Austin
TCEQ	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC Austin
TxDOT	SOC Liaison	1		Assigned	R-SOC Austin

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) is activated at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I	(Emergency Conditions)
Level II	(Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III	(Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV	(Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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